



## Park Board General Manager's Report June 26, 2023

*The following report is intended to provide an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board.*

### Coastal Adaptation Planning Update

The Coastal Adaptation Planning process is currently underway. Many municipalities and governments are struggling with increasing financial and other impacts of sea level rise. The Park Board has jurisdiction of over 23 kilometers of coastline in Vancouver, where assets of high social, cultural and ecological value present challenges for our operating budget. Unfortunately, much of our infrastructure was built to outdated standards and is vulnerable to more frequent storm events.

The Coastal Adaptation Plan for Parks and Beaches is fully funded within the 2023-2026 Capital Plan (~\$2M), and Park Board staff are working with City's Sustainability group and others to spend climate adaptation funding and secure grants from higher levels of government. Our staff are currently scoping the work and assembling a team of specialists. The plan will run from 2024-2025 with additional funding opportunities to be committed during that time.

The Plan's objectives include: map current state and hazards to Vancouver's park system, assess vulnerabilities, develop and cost design principles to inform difficult decisions around whether we resist or adapt to accommodate the forces of nature in parks and beaches across our system.

Coastal adaptation can take the form of a handful of typical approaches: resist is when structures are built to keep floodwater out, accommodate aims to keep community assets dry when flooding occurs, move involved relocating from areas of high exposure and risk; and, combination includes more than one approach to achieve a range of community values, and is likely to be a common solution. For example, while seawalls may protect in the short-term, they can increase long-term exposure to climate risks such as erosion of beaches.

### Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):

Council to receive a report on June 27 titled [Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Summer 2023 Intake](#) in which Council will make a decision regarding the awarding of grants to various local sports organisations.

### Board Briefing Memos and Emails: June 11 to 26, 2023

Date	Subject
June 13	<a href="#">Dog Swim at Kitsilano Pool</a>
June 19	<a href="#">People, Parks and Dogs Strategy (2017) – Overview and Implementation Update</a>
June 21	<a href="#">Sunset Seniors Centre</a>
June 21	<a href="#">Marpole Community Centre Renewal</a>